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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO GROUP OF HISPANIC BUSINESS LEADERS
NOVEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 14, 1977

1. ON NOVEMBER 16 A GROUP OF ELEVEN NATIONALLY PROMINENT AMERICAN HISPANIC LEADERS WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR A MONTH-LONG FACT-FINDING TOUR OF EIGHT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THIS TRIP IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND IS A ENTIRELY PRIVATE SECTOR EFFORT TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING AND TIES BETWEEN THE SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY IN THE U.S. AND THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA. THE GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES BUSINESSMEN, FORMER USG OFFICIALS AND ATTORNEYS, WILL RECEIVE TWO DAYS OF GENERAL BRIEFINGS IN THE BUREAU BEFORE DEPARTURE. IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDITION TO INFORMATION ON THE COUNTRIES THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT, THEY ARE INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH RELATE TO THIS COUNTRY'S HISPANIC COMMUNITY.

2. THIS TRIP CAN HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE DOMESTIC

OUTREACH PROGRAMS OF THIS BUREAU, AND ENCOURAGE BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS HISPANIC CONSTITUENTS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT ASKED FOR

SPECIFIC USG HELP WHILE TRAVELING, WE REQUEST THAT EMBASSIES EXTEND THIS GROUP ALL APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE WHILE IN HOST COUNTRIES. THE GROUP IS HANDLING ITS OWN ITINERARY.

3. THE ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

NOV. 14-15 BRIEFING AT STATE DEPARTMENT

16 DEPART U.S.A.

16-18 SANTIAGO, CHILE

19-22 BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

23-25 MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

26-29 BRASILIA, BRAZIL

30-DEC 3 BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

DEC. 4-6 MANAGUA, NICARAGUA

7-9 GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA

10-14 MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

15 RETURN TO U.S.A.

4. LISTED BELOW ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND BRIEF BIO INFORMATION ABOUT EACH:

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A) ALBERTO CARDENAS, ATTORNEY FROM CORAL GABLES, FLA.

B) EDUARDO CARDOUNEL, BUSINESSMAN FROM FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.

C) MARTIN G. CASTILLO, ATTORNEY FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIF., FORMER CHAIRMAN, CABINET COMMISSION ON OPPORTUNITY FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING, THE WHITE HOUSE.

D) BENJAMIN FERNANDES, LEADER AND ORGANIZER OF THE TRIP; ECONOMIST FROM CALABASAS PARK, CALIF., CHAIRMAN OF BLUE RIBBON FACT-FINDING COMMISSION AND CHAIRMAN OF REPUBLICAN NATIONAL HISPANIC ASSEMBLY.

E) MRS. PALMIRA A. GALLARDO, CHIEF, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER ARIZONA ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, PHOENIX, ARIZ.

F) CIPRIANO F. GUERRA, JR. ADMINISTRATOR FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

G) RAYMOND MOLINA, EXECUTIVE FROM KEY BISCAYNE, FLA.

H) FERNANDO OAXACA, MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, LONG BEACH, CALIF. FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, THE WHITE HOUSE.

I) PHILLIP SANCHEZ, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS AND COLOMBIA, FORMER COUNTRY ADMINISTRATOR, FRESNO COUNTY, FORMER DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.

J) STEVEN TARACIDO, FIANCIAL CONSULTANT, NEW ROCHELLE, NY.

K) ALBERTO ZAPANTA, MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF., FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR. VANCE

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